

Application No. 10/008,398
Preliminary Amendment dated March 14, 2005 and
Accompanying RCE dated March 14, 2005

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

The amendment amends independent claims 1, 13, 17, 22, 28, 34, and 40-43 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Dependent claims 10 and 36 are amended to correct minor spelling errors.

The amendment adds new dependent claims 44-52.

The amendment does not add any new independent claims.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

This Amendment does not increase the number of independent claims, increases the total number of claims by 8 from 43 to 51, and does not present any multiple dependency claims. Accordingly, a Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form authorizing the amount of \$400.00 to be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260 is enclosed herewith in duplicate. However, if the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form is missing, insufficient, or otherwise inadequate, or if a fee, other than the issue fee, is required during the pendency of this application, please charge such fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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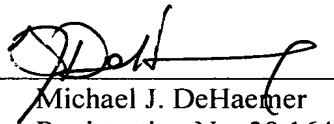
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Respectfully submitted,

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